

## House Resolution 1402

By: Representatives Bell of the 58<sup>th</sup>, Drenner of the 86<sup>th</sup>, Kaiser of the 59<sup>th</sup>, Morgan of the 39<sup>th</sup>, Gardner of the 57<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Allen Keith Thornell; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Mr. Allen Keith Thornell on August 3, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Thornell was born December 8, 1970, in Salt Lake City, Utah, a beloved  
5 son of Cheryl Thornell and the late Peter Grenville Thornell; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Thornell relocated to Atlanta in 1994 and began volunteering his time to  
7 improve the lives of individuals living with HIV/AIDS through his involvement as a board  
8 member of the AIDS Survival Project; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he served the citizens of the City of Atlanta as an officer of both Neighborhood  
10 Planning Unit-W and the Atlanta Planning Advisory Board and as a member of the Atlanta  
11 Human Relations Commission; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he worked to address the needs of working families through his affiliation with  
13 the Service Employees International Union and Georgians for Healthcare; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Thornell dedicated countless hours of his time, talents, and energy to  
15 defending human rights with Georgia Equality; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
17 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he  
18 made this world a better place in which to live; and
- 19 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Thornell will long be remembered for  
20 his love of family and friendship, and he will be missed by all who had the great fortune of  
21 knowing him.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Allen Keith Thornell  
24 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Allen  
27 Keith Thornell.